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measured as airline kilometers between the signalling point of interconnection of the interexchange carrier's or other person's common channel signalling network and the telephone company's signalling transfer point.

(2) Signalling link rates will generally be presumed reasonable if they are based on the interoffice charges for equivalent special access services. Telephone companies that have, before February 18, 1993, tariffed a signalling link service for signalling transport between the interexchange carrier's or other person's common channel signalling network and the telephone company's STP are permitted to use the rates that are in place.

(c) A flat-rated STP port termination charge expressed in dollars and cents per port shall be assessed upon all interexchange carriers and other persons that use dedicated signalling transport.

[57 FR 54721, Nov. 20, 1992, as amended at 58 FR 41191, Aug. 3, 1993; 58 FR 44950, Aug. 25, 1993; 62 FR 31935, June 11, 1997]

§69.126 Nonrecurring charges.

Incumbent local exchange carriers shall not assess any nonrecurring charges for service connection when an interexchange carrier converts trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or when an interexchange carrier orders the disconnection of overprovisioned trunks, until six months after the effective date of the tariffs eliminating the unitary pricing option for tandem-switched transport.

[62 FR 31935, June 11, 1997]

§ 69.127 Transitional Equal Charge Rule.

The transport rate structure in effect August 1, 1991, shall be retained until the tariffs filed pursuant to the Report and Order in Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, CC Docket No. 91–213, FCC 92–442, 7 FCC Rcd 7006 (1992) become effective.

[57 FR 54722, Nov. 20, 1992]

§69.128 Billing name and address.

Appropriate subelements shall be established for the use of equipment or

facilities that are associated with offerings of billing name and address.

[58 FR 36145, July 6, 1993]

§69.129 Signalling for tandem switching.

A charge that is expressed in dollars and cents shall be assessed upon the purchasing entity by a local telephone company for provision of signalling for tandem switching.

[59 FR 32930, June 27, 1994]

§ 69.130 Line port costs in excess of basic analog service.

To the extent that the costs of ISDN line ports, and line ports associated with other services, exceed the costs of a line port used for basic, analog service, non-price cap local exchange carriers may recover the difference through a separate monthly end-user charge, provided that no portion of such excess cost may be recovered through other common line access charges, or through Interstate Common Line Support.

[66 FR 59732, Nov. 30, 2001]

§ 69.131 Universal service end user charges.

To the extent the company makes contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms pursuant to §§ 54.706 and 54.709 of this chapter and the non-price cap local exchange carrier seeks to recover some or all of the amount of such contribution, the nonprice cap local exchange carrier shall recover those contributions through a charge to end users other than Lifeline users. The charge to recover these contributions is not part of any other element established pursuant to part 69. Such a charge may be assessed on a per-line basis or as a percentage of interstate retail revenues, and at the option of the local exchange carrier it may be combined for billing purposes with other end user retail rate elements. A non-price cap local exchange carrier opting to assess the Universal Service end-user rate element on a perline basis may apply that charge using the "equivalency" relationships established for the multi-line business PICC for Primary Rate ISDN service, as per